



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Istvan BAKONDI-KOVACS *et al.*  
Application No.: 10/047,693  
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For: METABOLIC CONTROLLED FERMENTATION PROCESS  
FOR CARBAMOYL TOBRAMYCIN PRODUCTION  
Examiner: MARX, Irene  
Art Unit: 1651  
Docket No. 02664/47002

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE**

Sir:

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed on November 30, 2004 and a Request for Continued Examination attached herewith, in response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2004 and the Advisory Action of December 12, 2004, applicants request the following amendment be entered.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.